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PLASMA SUBSTITUTION"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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<u>SIR</u>:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims to read as set forth in the following listing of claims.

1. (currently amended) Composition suitable as a substance for plasma comprising a solution of saline in a physiologically acceptable concentration and a protein having a colloid osmotic function characterized in that wherein the protein having a colloid